

## **Steering Committee Meeting, 7/18/06**

Attendees: Steve Toth, Harold Coble, Jim VanKirk, Ron Stinner, Rosemary Hallberg, Carrie L. Harmon, Geoff Zehnder, Ames Herbert, John Aselage, Ples Spradley, Steve Hopkins, Eric Young, Venkat Pedibhotia, John Anderson, Norm Leppla, and Pat O'Leary.

Meeting was called by a motion by chair elect and acting chair Pat O'Leary. A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

### **1890s and 1862s**

- Discussed plans already underway for a 1 -day forum to be held September 11 and 12 at Indianapolis in conjunction with the national IR-4 meetings. Jim Vankirk, Mike Fitzner, Eric Young, Norm Leppla, Roy Bullock and Jimo Ibrahim, along with several others, have been involved with planning this effort.
- Jim asked the SC's approval to spend funds in support of travel for up to one person from each 1890's school and each 1862 school in the region.
- Motion made, seconded and passed to authorize a maximum of \$20,000 for this purpose.

### **Soybean Rust**

- SC discussed further SRIPMC personnel plans regarding the IPM PIPE project as described in the Advisory Council meeting and report. Consensus view of the Steering Committee is that SRIPMC staff, particularly the Director, keep core SRIPMC activities as their primary focus.

### **IPM Enhancement Grants**

- Reviewed discussion from the AC meeting. No changes in the program suggested at this time.

### **IPM Center Review**

- SC continued the discussion of the Advisory Council around the recommendation that NCSU consider partnership with another institution in the next competition for IPM Centers. As with the AC, the SC is leery of the idea, strongly cautioning that a partner should be included only if it makes sense in terms of Center functionality. SC does not see the perception of too much control or power by one institution (NCSU) as a particularly valid or important issue in our region.

- SC discussion strongly endorsed the AC recommendation that SRIPMC staff should undertake a strategic planning process to help direct Center activities, and that this process include a communications plan as an important component.

### **Regional Priorities**

- The issue of regional priorities was discussed. The AC idea to request that the SERA 03 IPM committee promulgate a list of regional priorities was supported.

### **Membership and Leadership Rotation**

- Geoff Zehnder (SC) and Jennifer Curtis (AC) have volunteered to rotate off based on their recent inability to attend. Jim VanKirk will accept Jennifer's offer, in part because her replacement will help us to continue to correct for the original inordinately strong North Carolina representation. Geoff, who was present at this meeting, holds the SARE seat on the SC as well as representing IPM Coordinators. He agreed that if rotated off, he would help to find a suitable replacement.
- Jimo Ibrahim has served as a 1890s representative on the SC since the Center's inception. Most recently he has served thru this meeting as Chair of the Steering Committee. As part of the member rotation we are trying to institute, Jimo will now rotate off the SC. Jim will work with Roy Bullock and L. Washington Lyons to find new representation from the 1890s schools.

### **New Chair-Elect**

- Venkat Pedibhotia was nominated and unanimously elected as new chair-elect of the Steering Committee, term to start immediately at the end of this meeting. Pat O'Leary rotates into the SC chairmanship.

### **Next Meeting**

Monday, December 4—Advisory Council

Tuesday, December 5—Steering Committee

### **Motions Passed During Meeting:**

1. Spend up to \$20,000 for participant travel and lodging in Indianapolis forum for 1890s and 1862s.
2. Elect Venkat Pedibhotia as the new chair-elect.